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1. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO CONVEY POST'S EVALUATION OF AND APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING JAN 10-14 PORT VISIT OF USS JULIUS A FURER. COMMANDER STRONG AND HIS OFFICERS AND MEN EFFECTIVELY EXTENDED THEMSELVES THROUGHOUT THEIR STAY IN SUPPORT OF EMBASSY INITIATED ACTIVITIES. RESULT WAS ONE OF MOST SUCCESSFUL OF TEN VISITS BY U.S. NAVY WARSHIPS SINCE SEYCHELLES ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE IN JUNE 1976, FURTHER REINFORCING POSITIVE GOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY REACTION TO CALLS BY USN SHIPS.

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF VISIT INCLUDED UTILIZATION OF SHIP'S LAMPS HELICOPTER OVER TWO DAY PERIOD TO PROVIDE FAMILIARIZATION FLIGHTS FOR FIVE OF SEVEN MINISTERS IN GOS, THREE PERMANENT SECRETARIES AND NUMBER OF OTHER HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. USE OF HELICOPTER PROVIDED UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE MAXIME FERRARI AND FORESTRY OFFICERS TO CONDUCT THOROUGH 90 MINUTE EVALUATION OF INACCESSIBLE FOREST AREAS ON TWO LARGEST ISLANDS OF MAHE AND PRASLIN. (IN THIS REGARD, EMBASSY APPRECIATES TIMELY RESPONSE TO REFTEL TO OUR REQUEST FOR FLIGHT AUTHORIZATION).

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3. SHIP'S BAND PERFORMED BEFORE NEAR CAPACITY AUDIENCE AT STADIUM CONCERT IN AID OF SEYCHELLES CHILDREN'S SOCIETY AS WELL AS AT RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE FOR 175 GUESTS AND AT USAF TRACKING STATION DANCE.

4. DEPPRTMENT ASHORE OF CREW WAS EXEMPLARY. THEY ALSO

PARTICIPATED IN COMPREHENSIVE SPORTS PROGRAM WITH LOCAL TEAMS
AND DONATED 24 PINTS OF BLOOD.

5. IN ADDITION TO COMMANDER STRONG, WE WISH TO MAKE SPECIAL
MENTION OF EFFORTS BY HELO PILOTS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL, SUPPLY
OFFICER LT. ROBERT SHERRY AND BAND COORDINATOR LT.JG. JOHN THOMAS.

6. TO ALL ABOARD FURER EMBASSY EXTENDS ITS SINCERE APPRECIATION
FOR A JOB WELL DONE.MATTSON

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